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ADMISSION INTO THE MEDICAL COLLEGES.

*153 Q-SRI T. VISWANATHAM:- "Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state--

(a) whether principales of admission are varying from year to year for admission into the Medical Colleges;

(b) whether it is a fact that in 1946 the applicants were told that graduates would have preference over applicants with intermediate qualification with class and distinction;

(c) whether it is a fact that this year III-class graduates were not given preference over Intermediate (first class) candidates; and

(d) whether the Government will law down their policy so that students seeking admission into the medical colleges can look ahead, regulate and plan their courses of study?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:- "(a) Allthe principles regulating admission to medical colleges do not vary from year to year. Certain changes have been made occasionally when sufficient reasons exist therefor.

"(b) These who have taken the B.A. or B.Sc. degree with Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany or Physiology as the main subject in the first or second class are given preference over those who have passed the Intermediate Examination in first class with Science groups. This principle was in force even in 1946.

"(c) Yes; the principle has not been newly introduced this year; it existed even before.

2(d) A copy of the latest* rules relating to the admission of candidates to the medical colleges is placed on the table."

SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA:--"In view of the fact that we are ~~living~~ living in a free country now and all the time-old rules and principles of priority of communities have to be given the go-by, will ~~g~~the Government see its way to abolish the communal rotation rule at least so far as admission to technical institutions are concerned?"

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY:--The communal rotation system was there even in 1938 and it has been followed since then."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:--"From the statement laid on the table of the House I see it has been divided into three groups, namely, 50.8 per cent for the Tamil group districts, 38.1 percent for the candidates from the Telugu group and only 11.1 from the Kanara group of districts. May I know on what basis these groups have then divided and whether it is on the basis of backwardness of the territory or anything else?"

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY:--"It is based on the population figures. The Tamil districts group consists of 12 districts. Telugu, eleven districts and the West-coast two districts. This percentage has been fixed on the population basis but every district is given its quota of seats on the basis of population figures."

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*Printed as Appendix III on pages 538-541 infra.

MR. W. J. FERNANDEZ:- "Are the Government aware that the sudden change in the principles this year regulating admission to the medical colleges caused great hardship to certain sudents as a result of which they were compelled to lose a whole year because they could not satisfy the regulations prescribed. If so, will the Government be pleased at least in future to publish change in in the rules sufficiently early so that candidates may seek admission to other colleges?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:--"What exactly are the changes which the hon. Member is referring to I want to know."

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MR. W. J. FERNANDEZ:--"This year, Sir, the selections were made on a district-war basis with the result that several Anglo-Indian students who applied for admission found that they could not get admission. For instance, a student from Salem who passed the Intermediate in Mathematics .

MR. SPEAKER:--"The hon. Member is making a speech."

MR. W. J. FERNANDEZ:- "I am explaining, Sir, that a student from Salem who passed the Intermediate inMathematics got preference over one in Madras who had passed in the Natural Science simply because there was a change in the rules of admission. This works a hardship on the poor student as he has to wait for another whole year."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:--"Communal proportion rule has been applied and according to that Christians and Anglo-Indians get 2 seats out of every 12 and the best qualified students from each community are selected for admission."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:--"May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that this year third-class graduates were not given preference over first-class Intermediates because in the generality of cases first-class Intermedites with distinction are of a higher intellectual calibre than third-class graduates and are likely to prove more promising in the medical sphere?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:--"Selection is made according to the order of preference laid down in the rules for admission."

SRI N. S. VARADACHARI:- "Will the Government be pleased to consider raising the standards of admission into medical and other such professional colleges?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:- "Yes, Sir, I have already stated that the best qualified students from different communities are selected."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:-"May I ask the Government, Sir, why only one seat is given to the Harijans out of every 12?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:- "All the Harijan students who applied have been admitted, Sir."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:--"It is not that, Sir. My question was why you should set apart only one out of every 12 seats for the Harijans?"

(No answer was given by the Hon. Minister) /contd:-

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:--"While answering question 1(a) the Minister has made a confession that the principles of admission have been changing according to the circumstances. Will the Government give an assurance that a non-official committee would be appointed whenever such a necessity for change in principles of admission arises?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:--"I do not see any necessity for such a committee and it is open to the hon. Member to send in his suggestions for the considerationof the Government."

APPENDIXIII

(Vide answer to starred question No.153 asked by Sri T. VISWANATHAM at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 26th September 1947, page 482 supra:)

RULES FOR THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION TO THE MEDICAL COLLEGES.

1. AGE-LIMIT.--Candidates for admission to Medical College should have completed 17 years of age on or before registration as a medical student which will be subsequent to passing the pre-registration course.

2. SELECTION OF MADRAS AND NON-MADRAS CANDIDATES--(i) In the selection of candidates, applicants belonging to the Madras Province should be given preference.

(ii) (a) The number of seats which can ordinarily be allotted to non-Madrasi candidates is specified below:-

	Number of seats.
1. Students sent by the Government of Travancore	4
2. Students sent by the Government of Cochin	2
3. Students sent by the Government of Pudukottah	1
4. Applicants other than those coming from Travancore, Cochin and Pudukottah, preference being given to those from Banganapalli and Sandur.	2
5. Students sent by the Administration of Coorg.	2
6. Students from the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore	3
7. Students from the North-West Frontier Province	4

(b) If applicants from the Indian States and Administrations are not forthcoming in any year to fill up the seats reserved for them, the vacant seats should be allotted to students belonging to the Madras Province.

(iii) The States of Travancore, Cochin and Pudukottah, and the Administration of Coorg, shall have the right to select their own candidates for whom seats are reserved, provided that the candidates selected possess the prescribed minimum educational qualifications.

(iv) If a sufficient number of candidates belonging to the Province of Madras are not forthcoming, seats can be allotted to candidates from Travancore, Cochin and Pudukottah in addition to the number reserved for them.

(v) Two Colonial Indian students may be admitted into the Medical College, Madras, if the Principals who select candidates for admission are satisfied that they are specially deserving.

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3. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FROMTHE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES INCLUDING THE BACKWARD AND UNREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES.--In slecting candidates the communal proportion rule should be applied for every twelve seats strictly on the following basis:-

Non-Brahman (Hindus) ..	5
Muslim ..	2
Brahmans ..	2
Anglo-Indian or Christian or Non-Asiatic ..	2
Harijans ..	1
Total ..	12

Due regard should be paid to the admission of students from the backward and unrepresented communities.

4. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FROM THE DISTRICTS.--(1) In order to secure an adequate representation of the districts, so far as qualified candidates in those districts are available, for the admission of civil students every year, i.e., the total number of seats in the colleges minus the seats reserved for ex-service personnel and for students from outside the Province shall be distributed as indicated below:-

Group 1.--50.8 per cent of the seats will be allotted for the candidates from the group of districts which is predominantly Tamil, Viz., Madras, Chingleput, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, South Arcot, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Madura, Ramnad, Tinnevelly and the Nilgiris.

GROUP 2.--38.1 per cent of the seats will be allotted for candidates from the group of districts which is predominatly Telugu, viz., Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna, Guntur, Nellore, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur, Chittoor and Bellary.

GROUP 3.--11.1 per cent of the seats will be allotted for candidates from the West Coast districts, viz., South Kanara and Malabar.

Subject to the linguistic groups and the percentage of seat allotted to each group as indicated above the seats shall be distributed among the districts. The number of seats for each district should be fixed, to the extent possible, with reference to the ratio the population of the district bears to the total population of all the districts in the Province. The Madras City will will be treated as a district for this purpose but 10 per cent of the seats will be reserved for the candidates from the City during 1947.

For purpose of admission, the number of seats reserved for women and those available for men candidates should be taken up separately and allotments made in accordance with the ratio indicated above.

If a sufficient number of candidates belonging to each district is not forthcoming to fill all the available seats in accordance with the ratio, the balance of seats left over should be distributed among the remaining districts in the proportion in which seats have been allotted.

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If a sufficient number of women candidates are not forthcoming to fill all the seats reserved for them, the balance of the seats available should be distributed among the districts for the admission of men candidates in accordance with the ratio indicated above.

(2) Candidates (whether Tamil, Telugu or others) will count against the district to which they belong according to their certificates of nativity. The nativity certificate required to be furnished by the candidate indicates the district to which the candidate belongs.

(3) The instructions contained in sub-rules(1) and (2) shall be subject to the instructions in rule 3 regarding representation of communities.

5. ORDER OF PREFERENCE.--(1) In making the selection, preference should be given to candidates in the following order with due regard to the admission of unrepresented and backward communities including Harijans:-

(a) Those who have taken the B.A. or B.Sc. degree with Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany or Physiology as the main subject in the first or second class.

(b) Those who have passed the Intermediate Examination in the first class with Physics, Chemistry and Natural Science as optionals.

(c) Those who have passed the Intermediate Examination in the first class with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics as the optionals.

(d) Those who have passed the Intermediate Exam in the I class with physics, chemistry and any other subjects as the optionals:

(e) Those who have passed the B.A. or B.Sc. degree with Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany or Physiology as the main subject in the third class.

(f) Those who have passed the Science group in B.A. or B.Sc. but have not qualified for the degree.

NOTE.--If any of these candidates of groups (e) and (f) have taken a first class in Intermediate they will be grouped under (b), (c) or (d) and ranked with these cnaiddates according to the total marks obtained in Intermediate.

(g) Those who have passed Intermediate in the second class with Physics, Chemistry and Natural Science.

(h) Those who have passed Intermediate in the second class with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

(i) Those who have passed Intermediate in the second class with Physics, Chemistry and any other subject as optional.

(j) Those who have passed andy other examination accepted by the Syndicate as sufficient for admission to the College.

(2) When any vacancies occur the Principals shall fill them up strictly in accordance with the above order of preference.

6. RESERVE LIST OF CANDIDATES.--In order that no seat in any of the Colleges may be left vacant, a few more than the prescribed number of candidates, say not exceeding 20 should be selected. The list of such candidates who will form the reserve should be kept separate from the list of candidates selected for admission. Their names should not be published until they are actually required to join any one of the College

7. ALLOTMENT OF CANDIDATES TO COLLEGES.--Applicants should as far as possible be admitted into the College they have selected. The Principals of the Colleges are, however, at liberty to allocate a candidate to any college should they find it necessary to do so provided that Andhra students should be given preference for allocation to the Andhra to /p.t.o.

the Andhra and Guntur Medical Colleges.

8. RESERVATION OF SEATS FOR WOMEN CANDIDATES.--Twenty-three per cent of the total number of seats available for students of this Province shall be reserved for women candidates. It shall be open to the Principals to admit more women candidates if qualified candidates are available and if they are eligible for selection in accordance with the general principles governing such admissions. If women students belonging to the Madras Province are not forthcoming in sufficient numbers the vacant seats shall be allotted to men candidates belonging to this Province.

9. RESERVATION OF SEATS FOR EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL--Ten per cent of the seats will be reserved for ex-service personnel who are natives of the Madras Province and who are eligible for the benefits of the scheme for further education.

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Please see the proceedings at pp.6-12 c.f. No action is called for. The papers may be recorded.

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